

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A device for creating an assembly of interlocking panels comprising

a form having at least one side surface defining a tab and a notch and adapted to form a first panel having a corresponding tab and a corresponding notch, the tab of the first panel interlocking with a complementary notch on a second panel and the notch of the first panel interlocking with a complementary tab on a second panel.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) A device as in claim 1 wherein the form is a cookie cutter.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) A device as in claim 1 wherein the form is a mold.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) A device as in claim 3 wherein the mold includes a fill line.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) A device as in claim 1 wherein the first panel comprises an edible material.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) A device as in claim 1 wherein the first panel comprises a non-edible material.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) Apparatus for creating a decorative house comprising

a first device as defined in claim 1 adapted to form an end panel for the house,
a second device as defined in claim 1 adapted to form a side panel for the house, and
a third device as defined in claim 1 adapted to form a roof panel for the house.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 7 wherein the end panel has a bottom surface, a pair of opposed side surfaces each having a tab and a notch, and a pair of inclined top surfaces each having a tab and a notch,

wherein the side panel has a top surface, a bottom surface, and a pair of opposed side surfaces, each side surface having a tab and a notch, the side panel tab being complementary to and interlocking with the end panel notch on one of the side surfaces of the end panel and the side panel notch being complementary to and interlocking with the end panel tab on one of the side surfaces of the end panel, and

wherein the roof panel has a top surface, a bottom surface, and a pair of opposed side surfaces, each side surface having a tab and a notch, the roof panel tab being complementary to and interlocking with the end panel notch on one of the inclined top surfaces of the end panel and the roof panel notch being complementary to and interlocking with the end panel tab on one of the inclined top surfaces of the end panel

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) A kit for creating a decorative house comprising a device as defined in claim 1, and a decorating material.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) A kit as in claim 9, further comprising instructions for use.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) A kit as in claim 9, further comprising at least one dough depth gauge.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) A kit as in claim 9, further comprising a cookie sheet having at least two raised edges sized and configured to serve as dough depth gauges.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) A kit as in claim 9, further comprising chocolate adapted to melted and poured into the form.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) A kit as in claim 9, further comprising a dough mix.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn) A kit for creating a decorative structure comprising a pair of end panels, each end panel having a bottom surface, a pair of opposed side surfaces each having a tab and a notch, and a pair of inclined top surfaces each having a tab and a notch,

a pair of side panels, each side panel having a top surface, a bottom surface, and a pair of opposed side surfaces, each side surface having a tab and a notch, and

a pair of roof panels for the house, each roof panel having a top surface, a bottom surface, and a pair of opposed side surfaces, each side surface having a tab and a notch, the end panels, roof panels, and side panels interlocking to form the structure.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn) A kit as in claim 15, further comprising instructions for use.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn) A kit as in claim 15

wherein at least one of the end panels, side panels, or roof panels comprises an edible material.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn) A kit as in claim 15

wherein at least one of the end panels, side panels, or roof panels comprises a non-edible material.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn) A kit as in claim 15, further comprising a decorating material.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn) A kit for creating a decorative structure comprising a plurality of panels, the panels providing a series of tabs and notches adapted to interlock the panels, and a decorating material.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn) A kit as in claim 20

wherein at least one of the panels comprises an edible material.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn) A kit as in claim 20

wherein at least one of the panels comprises a non-edible material.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn) A kit as in claim 20, further comprising instructions for use.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn) A kit as in claim 20

wherein the panels are adapted to interlock to form a three-dimensional structure.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn) A kit for creating a decorative structure comprising a plurality of edible panels, the panels providing a series of tabs and notches adapted to interlock the panels.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn) A kit as in claim 25, further comprising instructions for use.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn) A kit as in claim 25, further comprising a decorating material.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn) A kit as in claim 25

wherein the panels are adapted to interlock to form a three-dimensional structure.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn) A method of creating a decorative structure comprising the steps of

providing a plurality of devices-as defined in claim 1,
making a dough,

manipulating the dough to a desired depth and configuration,
baking the dough,
cooling the dough slightly to set the baked dough to a desired density,
pressing the plurality of devices into the baked dough to cut out a plurality of
corresponding tabbed panels, and
interlocking the tabbed panels to assemble the structure.

Claim 30 (Withdrawn) A method of creating a decorative structure comprising the
steps of

providing a plurality of devices as defined in claim 1,
melting chocolate,
pouring the melted chocolate into each of the plurality of devices,
cooling the melted chocolate in the devices to set the chocolate into a plurality of
corresponding tabbed panels,
removing the tabbed panels from the devices, and
interlocking the tabbed panels to assemble the structure.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn) A method of creating a decorative structure comprising the
steps of

providing a plurality of devices as defined in claim 1,
melting chocolate to mold the chocolate to a desired depth and configuration,
cooling the chocolate to set the chocolate to a desired density,
pressing the plurality of devices into the set chocolate to cut out a plurality of
corresponding tabbed panels, and
interlocking the tabbed panels to assemble the structure.